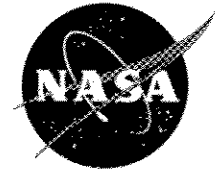


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Reply to Attn of: General Law Practice Group

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FROM: Alternate Designated Agency Ethics Official

SUBJECT: Determination Regarding Attendance by NASA Employees at the Women in Aerospace (WIA) Conference on August 24, 2011

On August 24, 2011, Women In Aerospace (WIA), a non-profit organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the IRS Code, will host a conference at the Key Bridge Marriot Hotel in Arlington, Virginia. Co-sponsors of this event are Northrop Grumman, NASA Federal Credit Union, and SAIC. This conference will include attendees from the aerospace industry, various government agencies and entities, consulting, academia, and the media. The event will provide a Women's Equality Day panel discussion on women's experiences of the space industry throughout the years.

Approximately 60 people are expected to attend. The estimated cost of the luncheon, which includes all food and beverages, is \$30 per person. I find that the luncheon meets the requirements of a "widely-attended gathering" as defined in 5 C.F.R. §2635.204(g)(2).

Additionally, WIA is hosting a Breakfast Panel Discussion, on September 8, 2011, from 8 AM – 12:30 PM, at the Regan National Airport, Historic Terminal A in Washington, DC. This event is to honor the 10th Anniversary of the attacks of September 11, 2011. WIA is expecting 70 people to attend the breakfast. The approximate value of the breakfast, including beverages is \$20 per person.

I have determined that free attendance at the above-mentioned events is in the interest of the Agency because it will further agency programs and operations. Accordingly, NASA employees whose duties do not substantially affect the event sponsors, including NASA employees in non-career positions who are required to sign the ethics pledge under Executive Order 13490, may accept an invitation for free attendance to the event for themselves and their accompanying guest.

However, NASA employees whose duties may substantially affect the event sponsors, such as by way of procurement duties, should seek an individual determination pursuant to 5 C.F.R. §2635.204(g)(3)(i) regarding participation in this event from their local ethics counselor.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Adam F. Greenstone".

Adam F. Greenstone